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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Subject: An acceptable Solution for the Problem of Migrant Workers

The diverse definitions of 'migrant worker' found in the various international instruments and the unacceptable labels used by many States, such as "illegal immigrants" makes it necessary to embrace a more substantial instrument of protection for all categories of migrant worker. States should ratify the one instrument which will provide protection for even clandestine or undocumented migrants, the most vulnerable category of all.

Considering the above mentioned factors and the fact that undocumented migrant workers throughout the world are categorically denied the human rights proscribed in the UDHR, we call upon all governments to ratify and implement :

The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and the Members of their Families (GA Res. A/RES/54/166, December 18th 1990)

The Migrant Worker Convention is the one instrument that offers comprehensive protection for all categories of migrant workers. Furthermore, it will encourage sending and receiving governments to develop sustainable development programmes that will deplete the need for large-scale migration in pursuit of the need to fulfil their human right to development.
This organisation therefore strongly urges the ratification and implementation of this treaty and any remaining human rights treaties that need to be ratified.

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